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Attached is a map with legend on the Letzling Heath troop training grounds, scale 1:25,000, which is based on all available information and indicates the location of individual installations as well as training area. All pertinent information will later be submitted with reference to this map. (Army 2, Air 2, OGI)

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Soviet Troop Training Grounds at Letzling Heath

1. Occupation:

- a. Permanent occupation: Elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div in the barracks installations of Hillersleben.
- b. Temporary occupation during the training period: The LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps with the 207th Mtz Rifle Div and the 19th Gds Mecz Div; army troops of the Third Shock Army; the 7th Gds Tank Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army; the 10th Gds Tank Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and, occasionally, small tank units of this and other armies.

2. Detraining stations:

Neuhaldensleben, Wolmirstedt, Colbitz, and Jaevenitz.

3. Quarters and other installations:

The total quartering capacity of all camps is roughly estimated at 45,000 to 50,000 troops. The data on quartering areas are incomplete.

Legend to the map:

- 1 Camp in the woods southeast of Jaevenitz
- 2a Barracks installations south of Staats
- 2b Cantonment south of Boergitz, also referred to as Camp Uchtsprunge
- 2c Training area for tank and artillery units
- 3 Cantonment about 4 km south of Jaevenitz at Barriere Zienau
- 4 Clearing at Barriere Zienau
- 5 Ammunition depot south of Jaevenitz
- 6 Tank firing area
- 7 Cantonment east of Born
- 8 Waldlager I near Born
- 9 Waldlager III near Born
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- 10a) Motor vehicle parking lots of the camps near Born
- 10b)
- 11) Tank parking lots of the camps near Born
- 11a)
- 12 Born fuel depot
- 13 Waldlager II south of Huetten, also referred to as Camp Planken
- 14 Huetten food ration supply depot
- 15 Firing range headquarters in the Planken forest office
- 16 Planken quartering area (headquarters ?)
- 17 Ammunition bunker
- 18 Motor vehicle and tank parking lot of Waldlager II near Huetten
- 19 Camp in the woods north of Born, possibly for tank troops

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- 20 Barracks installation at the western exit of Hillersleben
- 21 Barracks installation at the northeastern exit of Hillersleben
- 22 Temporary engineer training site at Polvitz
- 23 Bivouacking area for artillery units
- 24 Target area with about 40 observation and aiming bunkers
- 25 Two radio stations with 4 masts each, north of Waldlager II near Huetten
- 26 Artillery target area
- 27 Waldlager I at Colbitz
- 28 Waldlager II at Colbitz
- 29 Hillersleben-Salschau firing range

4. Borders: See map entries. The borders are believed to encompass the training area used for firing with live ammunition. Maneuvers were frequently conducted in the adjacent terrain, especially in the eastern sector of Letzling Heath as far as the Elbe River.

5. Guard and security measures:

The main approach roads to the training area are blocked by road barriers. The training area, as well as quarters, is heavily guarded by sentries and patrols respectively. The larger camps are also occupied in winter. They quarter guard details.

6. Camps temporarily occupied during the training period:

Waldlager II at Huetten (13)	: 7th Gds Tank Div
Waldlager III at Born (9)	: undetermined
Waldlager I and III at Born (8 and 9)	: 19th Gds Mecz Div
Camp in the woods southeast of Jaevenitz (1), barracks installation south of Staats (2a), and camp in the woods south of Boergitz (2b)	: 207th Mtz Rifle Div
Waldlager I at Born (8)	: headquarters units of the Third Shock Army
Waldlager at Colbitz I and II (27 and 28)	: 10th Gds Tank Div

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